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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTION USING LATERAL PNP OR PMOS OR BOTH FOR SUBSTRATE BIASING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following added paragraph:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/546,988 filed 04/11/00 which claims priority under 35 USC 119(e)(1) of provisional application number 60/129,466 filed 04/15/99...